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SUBJECT: SOME ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON YOUR MEETING WITH
SENATOR GLENN

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1. IN BRIEFING SENATOR GLENN ON FRENCH INTENTIONS ABOUT
THEIR AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER
HOW MUCH DETAIL TO SHARE WITH HIM. THE FRENCH HAVE ASKED
US TO KEEP IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THEIR INTENTION TO RE-
QUIRE A MODIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN. ONLY
A HANDFUL OF FRENCH OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF IT. IF THIS
LEAKS, PARTICULARLY FROM WASHINGTON, BEFORE THE PROPOSAL
IS PUT TO THE PAKISTANIS ON SEPTEMBER 8, THERE IS, I AM

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CONVINCED, A STRONG CHANCE THAT THE FRENCH MAY BACK AWAY
FROM THEIR INITIATIVE.

2. YOU MIGHT, THEREFORE, INITIALLY INFORM GLENN ONLY THAT
THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED US, VERY CONFIDENTIALLY,
THAT THEY WILL TRANSFER NO FURTHER SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY TO
PAKISTAN FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, AND THAT IT IS EXAMINING

WAYS TO MODIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN IN A MANNER
WHICH MIGHT MEET OUR CONCERNS.

3. IF THE SENATOR APPEARS RELUCTANT, ON THE BASIS OF
THESE ASSURANCES, TO GO ALONG WITH OUR SIGNING THE PENDING
AID AGREEMENTS, YOU MIGHT ADD THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT THE
FRENCH INTEND TO PROPOSE TO THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER
DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 8 VISIT TO PARIS, AND THAT PENDING
CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW PLANS, THE FRENCH HAVE ASSURED
US THAT NO MORE EQUIPMENT WILL BE SHIPPED.

4. HOWEVER MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION YOU SHARE WITH GLENN,
I URGE THAT YOU IMPRESS ON HIM THAT ANY PREMATURE DIS-
CLOSURES OF FRENCH ASSURANCES AND INTENTIONS MIGHT FORCE
THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, GIVEN ITS DELICATE DOMESTIC POLITI-
CAL SITUATION, TO RAPIDLY IMPLEMENT THEIR AGREEMENT WITH
PAKISTAN AS IT STANDS. CHRISTOPHER

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